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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Marcus W. Taylor, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 4, 2003, **Taylor** pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

A Kansas City police officer stopped **Taylor**, who was driving a 1989 Oldsmobile with no front license plate, on April 4, 2003. After pulling over at 59th and Swope Parkway, Graves said, **Taylor** got out of the vehicle and ran from police. He was caught and found to have a suspended driver's license. While searching the car, law enforcement officers found 122.46 grams of crack cocaine in a plastic baggie in the front pocket of a shirt in the car. **Taylor** admitted that he intended to distribute the crack cocaine to others.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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